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King County Community Organizing Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 18, 2011 Starbucks at 23rd and Jackson

Board Members present: Mark Howard, City of Seattle Emergency Management Services, Co-Chair; Kimberly Walker, Kinship Center

Staff Members present: Laura Quinn, Community Organizer; Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

I. OPENING AND UPDATES

Board and staff introduced themselves and gave updates on their work.
The Board minutes from September were approved.

II. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Special Session Budget

Budget cuts will go into effect Jan. 1st. There is some talk of a revenue package, though not from Governor Gregoire. The Department of Commerce is putting forward a 10% cut, that would impact Community Mobilization. However, there are two counties that are not currently taking CM funds, so that may help minimize the impact. The budget cuts could possibly affect all substance abuse treatment funds. It might also impact match for prevention funding received through Federal grants. Mental health services could also take a bug cut. The board wondered what might come from the new liquor initiative and if increased sales tax resulting from that might benefit prevention in some way.

2. Board Recruitment

The board expressed its appreciation to Liz for her efforts to recruit new members to the board. Unfortunately, Bridgette Norman was unable to commit to join the board, as were several others. Laura thought she might have a good candidate, and said she would follow up with him.

3. Future Meetings- Speakers

Laura reported that Cheryl Hanson would be the speaker at the November board meeting. The “Put This on the Map” staff has agreed to come in January. Kimberly Walker said that she would be happy to present at the February on her program at the Kinship Center.

The board also expressed interest in hearing from Reel Grrls, the counselor at Skykomish, and perhaps more data from Geoff Miller.

III. Program reports and updates

1. CO Report

Laura gave her written and oral report on the groups she has been working with around the county.

2. Legislative Forum

Sharon reported that the MHCADS Legislative Forum would be held on November 17th.

Laura said that she was planning to be there

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 15th

SOAR

801 – 23rd Ave S.

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12:30-2:30